



UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
COMBAT LOGISTICS REGIMENT 45
4TH MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP
MARINE CORPS TRAINING CENTER
1210 NAVAL FORCES COURT BUILDING 440
MARIETTA GEORGIA 30069-5021

IN REPLY REFER TO
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25 AUG 20

From: (b)(6) 3002/USMC
To: Commanding Officer Combat Logistics Regiment 45
Subj: COMMAND INVESTIGATION INTO THE ALLEGATIONS OF THE ACADEMIC
INTEGRITY VIOLATION IN THE CASE OF FIRST LIEUTENANT EVAN J.
BAUZA 1469656590/0402 USMC(R)
Ref: (a) JAGINST 5800.7F (JAGMAN)
Encl: (1) Appointing Order
(2) Emails to Obtain Georgia State Trooper Investigation
(3) Georgia State Trooper Investigation Summary
(4) Interview Transcript with Trooper
(5) Interview Transcript with Trooper (b)(6)
(6) Interview Transcript with Trooper Evan Bauza
(7) Course Acknowledgement and Student Code of Ethics
(8) Essential Information Obtained from 106th Attendees

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

1. In accordance with reference (a) and enclosure (1), all reasonably available evidence was collected and all directives given by the Convening Authority (CA) have been met.

2. Personnel Contacted:

- a. First Lieutenant Evan Bauza, Future Operations Officer, CLR 27, (910)451-6936.
- b. (b)(6), Investigating Officer, Office of Professional Standards, (b)(6)
- c. (b)(6), Georgia State Patrol, Open Records Unit, (b)(6)

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Georgia State Patrol Investigated First Lieutenant Evan Bauza and the rest of Trooper Class 106 for Academic Integrity Violations.
- 2. The entire class was found to have cheated on the Speed Detection Operators Course (SDOC) and were subsequently terminated from further service as troopers.
- 3. All other tests taken by Trooper Cadets are proctored while this

test was not.

4. The State Trooper Academy Regulation 1.1.2 states "all examinations must be administered by an Academy Staff member" per enclosure (3).
5. Regulation 9.1.1(3) states "all testing for Project Careers/Career Development must be administered by an Academy Staff member or approved academy approved proctor" per enclosure (3).
6. First Lieutenant Bauza and the rest of the 106 class were told to "use their resources" as stated in enclosures (4), (5), and (6) to take the test in question.
7. The instructors providing the test for class 106 were not the same personnel who had originally planned to initiate the online program, per enclosure (3).
8. After class 106, the test in question was proctored per enclosure (3).
9. Paper Tests were provided to two individuals in private, un-proctored.
10. The SDOC training and tests were originally classroom instruction and in person tests.
11. To make time for additional physical survivability skills, the SDOC training and tests were moved to online modules.
12. These modules and tests were given to first lieutenant Bauza and his classmates to complete in their spare time.
13. Upon questioning, First Lieutenant Evan Bauza let the investigating officer aware of the fact that personnel had worked together to take the test in question.
14. First Lieutenant Bauza Signed Academic Acknowledgement forms for both the Georgia State Patrol Training Division and Peace Officer Standards and Training, enclosure (7).
15. First Lieutenant Bauza exercised his right to remain silent on 12 August, 2020.
16. (b)(6) Called the Investigating Officer on 21 August, 2020 and stated that the Instructors failed the students by changing the testing procedures for the SDOC.

OPINIONS

1. Trooper Class 106 did not believe they were cheating by assisting each other and using notes on the test in question.

2. Trooper Class 106, including First Lieutenant Bauza, did not realize the ramifications of helping each other on the test in question.
3. The test in question was not appropriately administered according to the State Trooper Academy's own rules per enclosure (1).
4. The importance of the test was unknowingly downplayed by the staff of the Georgia State Patrol Academy by moving the Radar Speed Test to an online instruction and test.
5. (b)(6) an instructor during the 106 Trooper Class, heavily implied that the cadets should help each other out during the test in question.
6. This was corroborated by multiple personnel interviewed in enclosure (8).
7. Upon reading enclosure (7), the instruction of (b)(6) implying the cadets should assist each other during the test can be interpreted as following the professional conduct as "Materials, tests/exams, resources and other training aids shall be used only in the manner dictated by either rule or direction of the training instructors."
8. This test could have been assessed as an "open book" test.
9. This training module and test was not given or assessed within working hours, or training time allotted by the academy.

RECOMMENDATION

1. I recommend no administrative disciplinary action for First Lieutenant Evan Bauza.
2. The point of contact for this investigation is (b)(6)

(b)(6)



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IN REPLY REFER TO:
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5 Aug 2020

From: Commanding Officer

To: (b)(6) 3002

Subj: APPOINTMENT AS INVESTIGATING OFFICER INTO THE FACTS AND
CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE ALLEGED INTEGRITY VIOLATION
IN THE CASE OF FIRST LIEUTENANT EVAN J BAUZA 1469656590/0402

Ref: (a) JAGISNT 5800.7F (JAGMAN)

1. Per the reference, you are hereby appointed as the Investigating Officer and are directed to investigate the facts and circumstances surrounding the alleged integrity violation by First Lieutenant Bauza involving a cheating scandal in Trooper Class 106 of the Georgia State Patrol.

2. You are directed to gather all reasonably available evidence bearing on guilt or innocence. Additionally, you will recommend, if appropriate, any administrative or disciplinary action to be taken. Ensure strict compliance with the Privacy Act of 1974 and Article 31 of the Uniformed Code of Military Justice. Report your findings of fact, opinions, and recommendations in letter form by 5 September 2020 unless extension of time is granted by me. Extension request must be submitted in writing and should clearly identify the specific reason(s) for the request and the projected completion date.

3. If you have not previously done so, read Chapter 2 of the reference, in its entirety, before beginning your investigations. You are encouraged to seek legal counsel from (b)(6), Office of the Staff Judge Advocate (b)(6) during the course of your investigation.

(b)(6)

ENCLOSURE (1)

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 10:52 AM
To:
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] FW: (ORU 14607-20) FW: Trooper Class 106 Investigation
Attachments: Evan Bauza - 106th Trooper School.pdf

(b)(6)

See attached.

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Open Records Unit
Office of Planning and Research
Georgia Department of Public Safety | Georgia State Patrol
959 United Avenue SE | Atlanta, GA 30316
Cell: (b)(6) | Email: (b)(6)
FBINA #253

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The following exhibits are relevant to requests associated with Evan Bauza:

- Ex. 1 Case Summary
- Ex. 19 Interview Transcript for Evan Bauza
- Ex. 38 Excel Spreadsheet Depicting Essential Information Obtained From 106th Trooper School Attendees During OPS Interviews
- Ex. 39 GPSTC Course Acknowledgement & Student Code of Ethics Form For the Speed Detection Operator Final Exam Completed By The 106th GSP Trooper School Cadets
- Ex. 40 GPSTC Activity Reports For The Online GPSTC Speed Detection Operator Final Exam For The 106th GSP Trooper School And OPS Excel Spreadsheet Of Pertinent Info Collected From The GPSTC Activity Reports
- Ex. 56 GSP Training Division Academic Acknowledgement Form And POST Academic Acknowledgement Form For The 106th GSP Trooper School

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DPS Office of Professional Standards
959 United Avenue SE
Atlanta, GA 30316

(b)(6) (Office)
(DPS Cell)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 9:07 AM
To:
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: (ORU 14607-20) FW: Trooper Class 106 Investigation

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Roger. I will see what I can extract and send to you.

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 9:02 AM
To: >
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: (ORU 14607-20) FW: Trooper Class 106 Investigation

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My apologies, I don't seem to have received it. If Evan Bauza gave a statement and if there's any notes from (b)(6), those would be the only things I need to complete my investigation. Thank you.

S/F

(b)(6)

Supply Officer
CLR – 45
(b)(6)

From: (b)(6) >
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 8:52 AM
To:
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] FW: (ORU 14607-20) FW: Trooper Class 106 Investigation

(b)(6)

I sent you a response on 12 Aug (see below).

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Open Records Unit
Georgia Department of Public Safety

Please review: <https://dps.georgia.gov/important-notice-regarding-open-records-effective-july-24-2020>

From: (b)(6) >
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 11:38 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: (ORU 14607-20) FW: Trooper Class 106 Investigation

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(b)(6)

The entire investigative file is over 1000 pages and fees you will incur will be over \$250. I am attempting to see if there is a summary we can provide for you. However, if you can narrow your request to exactly what you are looking for, we may can avoid having to provide the entire investigative file.

Please advise.

(b)(6)

Open Records Unit
Georgia Department of Public Safety

Please review: <https://dps.georgia.gov/important-notice-regarding-open-records-effective-july-24-2020>

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 10:23 AM
To: Open Records <openrecords@gsp.net>
Subject: Trooper Class 106 Investigation

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Good Morning,

I am a military investigating officer looking into a conduct unbecoming charge. I was directed to contact open records by (b)(6) to obtain a copy of the Trooper Class 106 investigation. Please let me know if there is any documentation needed to receive the records.

S/F

(b)(6)

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